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COCONUT DEVELOPMENT BOARD
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of uses identified by Coconut Development Board or Union Government for Coconut and Coconut Trees;

(b) the details of products to be produced from coconut and coconut trees respectively;

(c) the details of industrial uses and the industries making or liable to make such products;

(d) whether the Government or Coconut Development Board has any scheme tohelp entrepreneurs who propose to set up such industries; and

(e) the number of companies given such help, if so, the quantum of help in each case during the past three years, year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): The uses of coconuts and coconut palms are identified as food, refreshing drink, fuel, feed, energy, timber and fibre.

(b): The processed products of coconut are: copra, desiccated coconut, coconut oil, coconut cream, spray dried milk powder, coconut cake as cattle feed, coconut toddy, coconut vinegar, tender coconut water, nata-de-coco, coconut shell charcoal, activated carbon, shell based handicrafts, coir & coir products, coir pith. The trunk of coconut tree is processed into coconut timber for making wall panels, furniture, doors & windows, handicrafts, etc.

(c): Coconut oil finds its uses in soap making, perfumery, hair oil units and in the manufacture of paints and lubricants. Edible coconut oil also finds limited uses in bakery and confectionery units. Coconut shell is being commercially exploited for manufacture of coconut shell powder, coconut shell charcoal and activated carbon.

(d): The Coconut DevelopmentBoard under the Central Sector IntegratedProgramme for Development of Coconut Industry in India provides financial assistance to coconut based industries @25% of the cost of building, plant and machinery or Rs.2.5 lakh whichever is less. Financial assistance is also provided @ 25% of the cost of laboratory equipments or Rs.100 lakh whichever is less for introduction of Agmark/ISO standards in coconut processing units.

(e): Five cooperative institutions were supported by the Coconut Development Boardduring last 3 years for development of infrastructure facilities for primary processing and marketing of coconuts. During this period, only in the year 1999-2000 an assistance of Rs. 4.56 lakh was provided to these units.